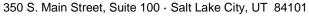


UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 16, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Pastures continued to dry out due to the hot and dry conditions throughout the state last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. According to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report, 24 percent of the state is experiencing extreme drought (D3), with 69 percent experiencing severe drought (D2), and moderate drought (D1) throughout the rest of the state. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus increased from 37 percent last week to 39 percent. Statewide, the second and third cuttings of alfalfa are 95 percent complete and 33 percent complete, respectively, both ahead of last year's progress, and the second cutting of other hay is at 27 percent complete, behind last year's progress. Statewide, barley harvest and winter wheat harvest are 50 percent complete and 71 percent complete, respectively, both behind last year's progress. Box Elder county reporters noted reports of smut in dryland winter wheat, which will most likely be sold for livestock feed. Corn silking and corn dough are at 61 percent complete and 4 percent complete, respectively, both behind last year's progress. Stock water supplies were rated 8 percent very short, 35 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 6 percent very poor, 26 percent poor, 20 percent fair, and 48 percent good.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS					
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Alfalfa hay	•		* '		
2 nd cutting harvested	95	88	86	NA	
3 rd cutting harvested	33	15	23	37	
Barley					
Harvested	50	32	54	74	
Corn					
Silked	61	38	76	85	
Dough	4		12	22	
Other hay					
2 nd cutting harvested	27	17	39	66	
Winter wheat					
Harvested	71	54	77	87	

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE F	OR FIELDWORK A	AND SOIL MOISTUR	RE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	20	20	4	10
Short	41	43	31	40
Adequate	39	37	65	49
Surplus				1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	16	13	1	11
Short	32	32	34	38
Adequate	51	51	65	51
Surplus	1	4		

 $NA-not\ available$

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	1	2		NA
Poor	4	4	5	NA
Fair	16	15	24	NA
Good	75	75	60	NA
Excellent	4	4	11	NA
Barley	·			
Very poor		2		NA
Poor	6	3		NA
Fair	30	33	20	NA NA
	60	59	62	NA NA
Good			-	
Excellent	4	3	18	NA
Corn				
Very poor				
Poor	1			
Fair	16	17	11	14
Good	77	78	62	70
Excellent	6	5	27	16
Other hay				
Very poor	4	4		NA
Poor	6	7	8	NA
Fair	22	16	20	NA
Good	63	68	58	NA
Excellent	5	5	14	NA
Pasture and range				1,12
Very poor	4	3	1	6
Poor	14	13	7	15
Fair	43	40	19	34
Good	38	42	55	38
Excellent	1	2	18	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1			
Poor	1			1
Fair	19	14	11	13
Good	72	79	77	73
Excellent	7	7	12	13
Sheep and lambs	,	,	12	
Very poor		1		
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Poor	15	15	10	18
Fair			10	
Good	71	70	68	68
Excellent	12	12	22	13

NA – not available

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